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May 7, 1982

Mr. George W. Reilly, Chairman  
English Department  
Smithfield High School  
Pleasant View Avenue  
Esmond, Rhode Island 02917

Dear Mr. Reilly:

Thank you very much for your recent note and for enclosing a copy of your letter to President Newman at the University of Rhode Island.

It is, indeed, disheartening to learn of the proposed cutbacks in the University's dance program. This is especially regrettable in light of the major reductions that we are facing in the Federal arts programs.

In education, I know that the cuts in Federal programs will cause additional cutbacks at the state and local level. This is a situation which I have opposed and which I find most unfortunate. Yet, given decreased federal revenues, institutions like the University of Rhode Island will literally be forced to make very painful and difficult decisions. This could well be the situation with respect to the dance program.

Thank you again for giving me the benefit of your views and for affording me the opportunity to share some of my thoughts with you.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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